

Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo

A Novel Study by:

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 1 - 5

Multiple Choice

1. What does Opal bring home from the grocery store in Chapter 1?

- (a) A bag of vegetables.
- (b) A dog.
- (c) The wrong change.
- (d) Junk food.

2. What or who does Opal ask her father to tell her about in Chapter 3?

- (a) His Sunday sermon.
- (b) What her chores are for the day.
- (c) Her mother.
- (d) The clerk at the grocery store.

Short Answer

3. What does Winn-Dixie do when the preacher starts to speak in Chapter 5?

Long Answer

4. At the end of Chapter 5, Opal talks to God about how lonely she feels. a) Why does Opal feel lonely? b) Have you ever felt the same way as Opal does in the story?

**A Little
Extra!**

In two to three sentences, compare yourself to the main character of the story, Opal.

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Chapters 6 - 10

Multiple Choice

1. What present did Miss Franny ask her father for as a girl?

- (a) A spotted pony.
- (b) A new dress.
- (c) Paintbrushes.
- (d) A library.

2. Opal meets Gloria Dump when:

- (a) Winn-Dixie runs into Gloria's yard.
- (b) Gloria Dump attends a church service.
- (c) Opal takes Winn-Dixie to the vet.
- (d) Opal visits the library.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 8, Opal and Winn-Dixie visit a pet store and Opal finds a beautiful but expensive collar and leash set. How does Opal plan to get the collar and leash?

Long Answer

4. Gloria Dump and Opal meet for the first time at the end of Chapter 9. At the beginning of Chapter 10, Opal tells Gloria everything about herself. Why do you think Opal tells someone she barely knows everything about herself?

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Chapters 11 - 15

Multiple Choice

1. What does Otis do to keep the animals in the pet store calm?

- (a) Feeds them extra food.
- (b) Turns off the lights.
- (c) Plays the guitar for them.
- (d) Pets them gently.

2. What does Gloria Dump tie to the big tree in her backyard?

- (a) Pine cones.
- (b) Toilet paper rolls.
- (c) Wind chimes.
- (d) Bottles.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 11, there is a terrible thunderstorm. How does Winn-Dixie react to the storm?

Long Answer

4. In Chapter 14, Gloria tells Opal "not to judge people by the things they've done." What does Gloria mean by this? Do you agree with her?

A Little Extra!

Because of Winn-Dixie is an example of realistic fiction. Realistic fiction stories are stories which *could* happen in real life but are made up. Can you think of other stories you have read that are examples of realistic fiction?

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Chapters 16 - 20

Multiple Choice

1. In what war did
Littmus W. Block fight?

- (a) The Civil War.
- (b) World War I.
- (c) The Spanish-American War.
- (d) The War of 1812.

2. What does Opal's father ask
her to do to Stevie Dewberry?

- (a) Ignore him.
- (b) Fight him.
- (c) Apologize to him.
- (d) Laugh at him.

Short Answer

3. As Opal reads to Gloria Dump from the book *Gone with the Wind*, what idea comes to her mind?

Long Answer

4. When Miss Franny offers a Littmus Lozenge to Opal and Amanda in Chapter 17, she tells them the secret ingredient in it is sorrow. Choose two characters from the story and explain what has caused them to feel sorrow in their lives.

**A Little
Extra!**

The book *Gone with the Wind* was made into a very popular movie in 1939. What is a book that you have read and also seen a movie version of? Do you like the book or the movie better and why?

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Chapters 21 - 26

Multiple Choice

1. What interrupts Opal's party in Chapter 23?

- (a) The police.
- (b) Winn-Dixie gets sick.
- (c) A thunderstorm.
- (d) A flash flood.

2. What does Opal do when she notices Winn-Dixie missing during the party?

- (a) She hops on her bike to look for him.
- (b) She goes with the preacher to look for him.
- (c) She asks Stevie and Dunlap to look for him.
- (d) She hides under Gloria's bed.

Short Answer

3. After going missing, where is Winn-Dixie discovered in Chapter 25?

Long Answer

4. In Chapter 26, Opal goes out to Gloria Dump's mistake tree and tells her Mama that she won't think about her as much. Why do you think Opal says this?

Character Chart

Book Choice:

Name: _____

Date: _____

My Character Chart

Draw a picture and record important information about each important character as you read the text.

Character's Name: _____

Important Facts: _____

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